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1. THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUB-
JECT ARE FOR USE BY THE US DELEGATION WHEN NEGOTIATIONS
RESUME.

2. HELLENIKON APPENDIX

A. LANGUAGE IN ART IV.1, STEM OF IV.2, AND IV.2A AGREED AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION IS APPROVED.

B. ART IV.2B. WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT DEPLOYED TO HELLENIKON AND WE CAN ULTIMATELY AGREE TO A CEILING OF FOUR. HOWEVER, SINCE WE HAVE TAKEN SUCH A STRONG STAND AGAINST CEILINGS IN PRINCIPLE, YOU SHOULD SEEK TO ACHIEVE A CEILING OF FIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS US CONCESSION. IN ANY EVENT, OUR AGREEMENT TO SPECIFY A CEILING IN THE APPENDIX IS CONTINGENT ON GREEK ACCEPTANCE OF US-PROPOSED LANGUAGE IN THE LAST SENTENCE WHICH PROVIDES FOR FAVORABLE

GREEK CONSIDERATION FOR ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

C. DELETE ART IV.3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEPTTEL ON GENERAL ACCESS.

3. ANNEX A.

A. LANGUAGE AGREED AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION IS APPROVED.

B. LETTERS ON PERSONNEL STRENGTHS, MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, AND CLASSIFIED SPACES REQUIRED BY PARAS 4, 5 AND 6B WILL BE PREPARED BY DOD FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GREEK INSTALLATION COMMANDER BY THE US SENIOR OFFICER ON OR CONFIDENTIAL

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AFTER THE DATE THE DCA ENTERS INTO FORCE.

4. PERSONNEL CEILING

A. AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE EFFORT TO FIND NEW WAYS TO REDUCE FURTHER THE US PERSONNEL STRENGTH AT HELLENIKON, WE HAVE RECONFIRMED THAT 1,452 IS THE LEVEL BELOW WHICH ESSENTIAL MISSIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE CURTAILED OR TERMINATED. FOR U.S. TO ACCEPT A LOWER FIGURE WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE GREEK COMMITMENT THAT ALL ESSENTIAL US ACTIVITIES AT HELLENIKON COULD CONTINUE AND WITH OUR EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL PACKAGE TO HELP THE GREEKS DEVELOP A NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY, AN OFFER WHICH IS ALSO LINKED TO THE US PERSONNEL LEVEL AT HELLENIKON. WE ARE, HOWEVER, WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY REASONABLE FORMULA WHICH WILL MEET OUR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS WHILE SATISFYING GREEK POLITICAL CONCERNS.

B. NEAR THE END OF THE LAST ROUND, GREEK SPOKESMAN

MAKARITSAS STATED THAT THE GOG WOULD CONSIDER A US PERSONNEL CEILING AT "SOMETHING ABOVE 1,150".

C. YOUR FIRST EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD REACHING AGREEMENT ON A CEILING OF 1,452. IF UNSUCCESSFUL, PROPOSE A 1,325 CEILING WITH A PROVISION FOR A TEN PERCENT FLUCTUATION. THE NET RESULT WOULD PROVIDE THE CEILING WE REQUIRE WHILE ALLOWING FOR A LOWER NUMBER IN HELLENIKON ANNEX A. A CEILING OF 1,225 WITH PROVISION FOR A TWENTY PERCENT FLUCTUATION WOULD BE EQUALLY ACCEPTABLE.

D. OUR REMAINING ALTERNATIVE IS THE CONCEPT OF RELOCATION WITHIN THE ADJACENT ATHENS AREA, A SCHEME TO WHICH THE GREEKS PREVIOUSLY AGREED BUT WITHDREW DURING THE LAST

ROUND. OUR FIRST PREFERENCE IS 1,352 ON-BASE AND 100 OFF-BASE. SINCE ABOUT 100 US PERSONNEL ARE ALREADY OFF-CONFIDENTIAL

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BASE AND INTEGRATED INTO THE GLYFADA ENVIRONMENT, THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT CHANGE THE EXISTING LOW-VISIBILITY OFF-BASE PATTERN. USING THE RELOCATION FORMULA, WE ARE STILL WILLING TO REDUCE ON-BASE STRENGTH TO AS LOW AS 1,050. HOWEVER, 1,452 REMAINS AS THE LOWEST NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT ESSENTIAL MISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH HELLENIKON.

5. DEPENDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE US AGREED TO CONSOLIDATE BASE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES NOW AT HELLENIKON WITH THE COMMISSARY/MAIN EXCHANGE COMPLEX ON SYNGROU AVENUE AND TO RELOCATE "DEPENDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES" TO OFF-BASE AREAS AS MEASURES TO REDUCE THE VISIBILITY OF THE US PRESENCE AT HELLENIKON.

A. REITERATE TO THE GREEKS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO TERMINATE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES ON THE BASE. AT THE SAME TIME SEEK THE OPTION TO RELOCATE THE ENTIRE SYNGROU COMPLEX TO A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SITE OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN ATHENS, IF THE US DECIDES THAT THIS WOULD BE FEASIBLE. THIS OPTION MAY BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE GREEKS, CONSIDERING THEIR EARLIER OBJECTIONS TO CONTINUING US SALES ACTIVITIES AT THE CONGESTED SYNGROU LOCATION.

B. POINT OUT TO THE GREEKS THAT EVEN THOUGH EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES WILL BE TERMINATED AT HELLENIKON WE WOULD STILL WISH TO MAINTAIN A CAFETERIA, BARBER SHOP, MILITARY UNIFORM OUTLET, AND A SMALL CONVENIENCE STORE, ALL IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED ON THE BASE.

C. WE DEFINE DEPENDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS THOSE WHICH

EXIST FOR THE SOLE SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS. AT THE OUTSET OF DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TOPIC, YOU SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE GREEKS TO ACCEPT THIS DEFINITION AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL BE RELOCATED. WE PLACE THE SCHOOL, TEEN CENTER, FAMILY SERVICES CENTER, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND NURSERY IN THE DEPENDENT SUPPORT CATEGORY. HOWEVER, BEFORE AGREEING TO RELOCATE THE NURSERY YOU SHOULD ARGUE THAT THIS ACTIVITY CREATES LITTLE VISIBILITY AND WOULD BE USED PRIMARILY BY HOSPITAL PATRONS AND WOMEN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE US FORCES OR CIVILIAN COMPONENT. PRIMARY NEGOTIATING GOAL IS TO HOLD RELOCATIONS TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

6. IN THE CASE OF BOTH PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS AND RELOCATION OF DEPENDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, YOU SHOULD SEEK GREEK

AGREEMENT TO ALLOW A ONE-YEAR PERIOD FOR THE US TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES.

7. DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES COVERING INTERIM PROCEDURES FOR HELLENIKON AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS AND RELOCATION OF DEPENDENT SUPPORT FACILITIES IS CONTAINED IN SEPTTEL.
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